## QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAM REPORT

# January 1, 2003 - March 31, 2003

WRC-TV attempts to serve the public interest, convenience and necessity by presenting broadcast material which treats significant issues of the people in the communities served by WRC-TV station. WRC recognizes that it has an ongoing obligation to remain aware of such community issues and to exercise its best judgment as to what broadcast matter should be programmed to treat those needs and interests.

The following is a brief description of such community issues and some of the programs we believe have provided the most significant treatment of such issues during the period January 1, 2003 – March 31, 2003, including the title of such program, its time, type, source, date and duration of broadcast.

NEWS FOUR AT FIVE AND TEN A.M., FOUR, FIVE, SIX AND ELEVEN P.M. TYPE: News Series SOURCE: Local TIME: 5:00-7:00AM, 10:00-11:00AM, 4:00-5:00PM, 5:00-6:00PM, 6:00-7:00PM, 11:00-11:35PM, Monday – Friday; 6:00-6:30PM, Saturday and Sunday. NEWS 4 TODAY. TYPE: News SOURCE: Local TIMES: Weekdays, 5:00-7:00AM, Saturdays, 6:00-7:00AM, 9:00-10:00AM, Sundays, 6:00AM-8:00AM, and 9:00AM-10:30AM. DURATION: See Times. WRC-TV reporters probe special issues of concern to area residents. Stories generally appear more than once in the daily newscasts, as they are recapped throughout the day. WRC-TV initiated, in December 1992, active closed captioning of its news broadcasts. Currently, all regularly scheduled news programs thirty minutes or longer are closed captioned. Also, special news events sometimes are closed captioned, depending on the availability of the transcription service. The word for word transcription service includes chitchat between stories at two hundred plus words per minute, with less than a three-second delay. This effort addresses the needs of more than 300,000 deaf and hard of hearing people in the Washington area.

THE MCLAUGHLIN GROUP. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Syndicated (Originates from WRC-TV studios) TIME: Saturdays, 7:30-8:00PM, Repeated Sundays, 11:30AM. DURATION: thirty Minutes. This public affairs panel anchored by John McLaughlin, features discussion and analysis of current national and world events by five candid and respected Washington commentators.

ONE ON ONE. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Syndicated (Originates from WRC-TV) TIME: Sundays, 12:00 DURATION: Thirty Minutes. Host John McLaughlin interviews a prominent political or world leader each week on selected newsworthy issues.

REPORTERS NOTEBOOK. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Local TIME: Sundays, 6:15-6:30AM. DURATION: Fifteen Minutes. This reporter roundtable, which premiered on October 4, 1992, features discussion of public affairs issues by leading area journalists. The program is part of News 4 Today and usually is hosted by WRC-TV

reporter Tom Sherwood. He is joined by journalist Milagros Ardin, WMAL-AM; Dave McConnell, WTOP-AM; and Jerry Phillips, WBIG-FM/WTEM-AM.

VIEWPOINT. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Local TIME: Sundays, 7:00-7:30AM. DURATION: Thirty Minutes. WRC-TV's Joe Krebs hosts this weekly exploration of issues and people impacting the community. The program is part of the two hour News 4 Today news block on Sundays from 6:00-8:00AM. It premiered on November 15, 1992

#### I. TAKING CARE OF OUR CHILDREN and FAMILY

Many children in the Washington effort suffer from being denied the opportunity to grow up in a stable home with parents who can care for them emotionally and financially. WRC-TV helps these children directly through its Wednesday's Child project, described below. The station also broadcasts other news stories on the issue of adoption, some of which are described below.

NEWS FOUR AT FIVE PM. – WEDNESDAY'S CHILD. WRC-TV's Barbara Harrison, on selected Wednesdays, features a child or children who need a home, or celebrates a happy ending to an adoption story. In September, Barbara Harrison, with the Council of Governments, launched a program through which viewers may dial a phone number and find out more about adopting a child through any jurisdiction in our viewing area. Some of the stories are repeated on News 4 Sundays at nine AM. Some of the dates in which Wednesday's Child ran were:

January (1/1, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29)

February (2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26)

March (3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26)

#### II. HEALTH

WRC-TV covers issues related to health care, maintaining and improving health, and health- related breakthroughs.

News Jan 1- Surgeons at four hospitals in West Virginia went on strike today.

News4 Jan 2-More than 2 dozen surgeons from various hospital walked out.

News 4 Jan3-There is a new development in the controversy that began with the announcement that began with the announcement that a human clone had been born.

News 4 January 2 – the shedding of unwanted pounds after the holidays

News 4 January 2 – surgeons walk-out protesting the rising cost of malpractice insurance

News 4 January 3 – President Bush expected to propose sweeping changes to Medicare

News 4 January 6 – lead poisoning has been linked to lower I.Q. levels and learning disabilities

News 4 January 13 – Guatemalan twins born cojoined at the heads had surgery and are now heading home to their native Guatemala

News 4 January 13 – update on research done on the treatment and prevention of diabetes

News 4 January 14 – news report on mobile mammography program from George Washington Univ.

News 4 January 15 – some VA healthcare workers are learning how to administer the smallpox vaccine

News 4 January 20 – new study finds that many women with breast cancer may not be getting the recommended treatment

News 4 January 22 – seniors who are trying to save money on prescription drugs can log onto a new website for help

News 4 January 28 – CareFirst reached a new agreement with Children's Hospital that means thousands of families will continue to have coverage

## Viewpoint

Sunday, February 2, 2003 Host: News 4 Anchor Pat Muse and guests Dr. Ronald Williams, President, PG County Community College discuss national Black HIV? AIDS Awareness day.

News 4 February 4- doctors from a local hospital have found what they believe is a better way to confirm a heart attack before it's too late

News 4 February 4 – new study that finds young women with low levels of estrogen have an increased risk of heart disease

News 4 February 7 – INOVA blood donor services in Fairfax is dangerously low on blood

### Reporters Notebook

Sunday, February 9, 2003. News4 Anchor Joe Krebs, Jerry Phillips, Clear Channel Radio, Adrienne Washington, The Washington Times and Dave McConnell, WTOP-AM The director of the DC Department of Human Services is leaving the post to become the health and human services chief in Montgomery County.

News 4 March 3 – doctors are studying new kind of drug to treat blood pressure

News 4 March 4 – new treatment is showing long term improvement for men with low testosterone

News 4 March 6 – new study confirms giving birth can lead to incontinence

News 4 March 10 – recent studies show men who drink coffee lower their risk of developing Parkinson's Disease

News 4 March 17 – news coverage of SARS

News 4 March 21- officials in Virginia are looking at 3 possible cases of SARS

News 4 March 25 – hospitals in northern VA have created a radio network to share information in event of a biological attack

News 4 March 26 – researchers say that a small silent strokes may increase the risk of developing Alzheimers.

# Reporters Notebook

Sunday, March 30, 2003. News4 Anchor Susan Kidd, Jerry Phillips, Clear Channel Radio, Adrienne Washington, The Washington Times and Dave McConnell, WTOP-AM IN MD Gov Ehrlick is inclined to sign a measure recducing penalties for cancer patients and others who smoke marijuana to relieve suffering

News 4 March 31 – Bill Gates is donating 60 million dollars to fight AIDS in developing countries

### III. CONSUMER

WRC-TV airs daily segments on issues of interest to consumers, including safety, cost saving, government regulations, and new products

News 4 January 2 – America West Airlines will start asking passengers if they'd like to buy something to eat on the plane

News 4 January 6 – United Airlines struggling financially...cutting fares

News 4 January 6-19 states reached a 6-million dollar settlement with the drug company Pfizer

News 4 January 6 – General Motors jumping in on Hybrid car revolution

News 4 January 7 – report on recalled items – camping stoves, toy candy vehicles, bicycle

News 4 January 13 – crash course on what you need to know in case of an accident

News 4 January 13 – Digital Edge report on telemarketers

News 4 January 15 – Supreme Court issued ruling today on copyright protection

News 4 January 22- Kodak plans to cut up to 22 hundred more jobs

News 4 January 22- the Federal Trade Commission is out with its annual list of top consumer frauds- identity theft tops the list

News 4 January 28 – researcher working on project that may give voice to people who use sign language

News 4 January 28 – fast food lawsuits bill introduced in Congress protecting restaurants

News 4 February 3 – new study finds that housing crunch in DC is expected to grow

News 4 February 5 –DC city council member deal with inaccurate water bills

News 4 February 6 – city and county workers have not been able to pick up leaves due to snow

News 4 February 7 – Liz Crenshaw's "Does it really do that?" segment

News 4 February 15- Ask Liz segment

News 4 February 28- Aunt Jemima background

News 4 February 28 – Ask Liz segment

News 4 March 3- product recall report

News 4 March 4 – gasoline prices in VA are being investigated

News 4 March 6 – Visa is taking action in hopes of cutting down on identity theft

News 4 March 6 – SUV study report

News 4 March 7 – Digital Edge and Ask Liz segments

News 4 March 11 - product recall report

News 4 March 13- Nextel free 30 minutes has catchy clause

News 4 March 18 – results of Insurance Institute car bumper bashing test

News 4 March 19- Digital Edge segment – Library of Congress

News 4 March 24 – Military satellites report on Digital Edge segment

News 4 March 28- Ask Liz segment; story on local war supplier

# IV. VIOLENCE AND CRIME

WRC-TV regularly covers issues related to crime, crime prevention, and anti-violence activities

News 4 January 2 – Judge turned down request of "shoe bomber" to have a radio in his cell

News 4 January 2 – new information about the murders of 3 American missionaries in Yemen

News 4 January 2 – FBI holding off releasing any more photos and names of foreigners who man have entered US illegally

News 4 January 3 – man in California sentenced to death for murder of 7-year old neighbor

News 4 January 6 – Man stole plane in Germany threatening to crash it into Frankfurt's financial center

News 4 January 6 – 18 year old charged with attempted murder after allegedly poisoning friend

News 4 January 8 – Heir to Max Factor Andrew Luster, a fugitive. Disappeared in middle of trial on date rape charges

News 4 January 8 - development of teenager poisoned with cyanide - has died

News 4 January 10 - 41 year old in NJ pleads not guilty to child abuse

News 4 January 10 – Governor of Illinois pardoned four men on death row

#### Reporter's Notebook

Sunday, January 12, 2003. News4 Anchor Pat Lawson Muse, Jerry Phillips, Clear Channel Radio, Adrienne Washington, The Washington Times and Dave McConnell, WTOP-AM Maryland University studies show the unbalance cases of Black & White suspects form the death penalty, sought after by prosecutors

News 4 January 13 – U.S. troops may face danger heading to gulf

News 4 January 13 – British rock star Pete Townsend arrested on suspicion of possessing indecent pictures of children

News 4 January 14 – preliminary hearing still going on for sniper suspect John Lee Malvo

News 4 January 14 – Second capital murder trial of Paul Powell for stabbing death of 16 year old

News 4 January 21 – Israeli forces carried out largest demolition on West Bank

News 4 January 24 – U.S. officials concerned about safety of Americans in Kuwait

News 4 January 24 - 20 year old man charged with shooting two DC police officers

News 4 January 24 – Secret service officers arrested man who jumped White House fence

### Viewpoint

Sunday, January 26, 2003 – Host News4 Anchor, Joe Krebs has a one on one conversation with DC Police Chief Charles Ramsey

News 4 January 27 – Spy trial began in retired air force sergeant case; offering to spy for Iraq, Libya and China

News 4 January 28 – Sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo faces November trial

News 4 January 30 – Richard Reid (shoe bomber) sentenced

News 4 February 6 – First guilty plea in the Washington teachers union scandal

News 4 February 10 – Bank robber's getaway interrupted by security dye pack explosion

News 4 February 10 - 20 year old Clara Schwarz sentenced to 48 years for enlisting help of friends to kill her father in 2001

News 4 February 10 – Investigation of deadly hit and run of 15 year old girl in Maryland

News 4 February 11 – U.S. capitol police officer sentenced for staging anthrax hoax

News 4 February 12 – Maryland's first amber alert cancelled due to father of missing girl being charged with murder

News 4 February 12, 13– jury now deciding case of woman accused of running over husband; found guilty

News 4 February 13 – New allegations of financial malfeasance at the Enron Corp.

Reporter's Notebook

Sunday, February 16, 2003. News4 Anchor Pat Lawson Muse, Jerry Phillips, Clear Channel Radio, Adrienne Washington, The Washington Times and Dave McConnell, WTOP-AM Maryland's highest court this week halted the impending execution of a Baltimore area killer and scheduled a May hearing on his challenge to the state's death penalty law, a decision that probably will prevent Maryland from executing anyone for at least three more months

News 4 February 17 – Nightclub trampling in Chicago, city filing criminal charges against owners

News 4 February 17 – Arson attack on subway in South Korea kills 138

News 4 February 17 – Sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo 18<sup>th</sup> birthday

News 4 February 20 – College professor Sami Al-Arian in Florida arrested on terrorism charges

News 4 February 25 – Questions about nightclub fire in Rhode Island killing 97

News 4 February 25 – DC police charged relative with setting fire killing elderly woman

News 4 February 25 – Rhode Island grand jury scheduled to meet to determine who is responsible for deadly nightclub fire

News 4 February 26 – Supreme Court issued ruling that will have major impact on future protests, especially outside of abortion clinics

News 4 February 27 – Hollywood stunt man testified against actor Robert Blake

News 4 March 3- news coverage of sniper Lee Malvo hearing

News 4 March 3, 11 – Montgomery county police investigate Silver Spring murder

News 4 March 7 – PG county police uncovered large stolen motorcycle ring

News 4 March 7 - 12 year old girl charged with murder in stabbing death of her 15 yr old brother

News 4 March 10 – news report on Rhode Island fire

News 4 March 11- gov't warns health care workers and patients to watch out for counterfeit batches of the drug Procrit

Reporter's Notebook

Sunday, March 16, 2003. News4 Anchor Pat Lawson Muse, Jerry Phillips, Clear Channel Radio, Adrienne Washington, The Washington Times and Dave McConnell, WTOP-AM discuss the appointment Norfolk Police Chief Melvin High's appointment to Police Chief of Prince George's County, MD.

News 4 March 19- more soldiers from Ft Myers have been implicated in theft ring

News 4 March 25 – Potomac man accused of planting a bomb in a garage pleaded today guilty as part of plea agreement

News 4 March 25 – DC police are asking for help finding a missing girl who needs daily medication

News 4 March 28 – police are investigating possible arson and murder in District Heights

News 4 March 31- judge has ruled on sniper case motions today

# V. ENVIRONMENT

WRC-TV regularly broadcasts news and other segments on regional environmental issues. Some examples are listed below.

News 4 January 2 – after a record rainfall, rivers and streams have been rising in our area

News 4 January 13 – In Arlington, investigators say faulty extension cord caused fire forcing 40 people our of homes

News 4 January 14 – gas leak causes evacuations in NW DC

News 4 January 20 - 8-year-old boy killed when he fell through ice in lake in Ocean City, MD

News 4 January 28 – People who live near the Wilson bridge project had rough morning

News 4 February 3 – Fire severely damages national landmark in Philadelphia

News 4 February 7 – at least 14 people injured during explosion at chemical plant in Rhode Island

News 4 February 7 – DC got significant snow, up to eight inches

News 4 February 17 – Northeast struggling to cope with mammoth winter storm

News 4 February 20 – Massive snowfall melting quickly in DC, worries about flooding

News 4 February 21 – Massive explosion and fire at oil storage on Staten Island in NY

News 4 February 24 – search efforts under way in Western China after powerful earthquake

News 4 February 25 – River rescue overnight in Southern California for a man who crashed pickup truck in riverbed

News 4 February 26 – At least nine people dead because of wintry weather in Texas

News 4 February 26 – New clarification about Montgomery county's sidewalk shoveling law

News 4 March 4 – news report on spring planting from the National Arboretum

News 4 March 28 – Major clean up is under way after tornadoes ripped thru the area

News 4 March 28 – life is returning to normal in LA after powerful windstorm moved thru the area last night

#### VI. POLITICS

WRC-TV covers the activities of federal, state and local governments, and other regional organizations in a number of its programs, some of which are described below.

News4 January 1- In Virginia several Army National Guards units are being mobilized for a year of active duty on Homeland Defense

News4 January 2- There is a possibility that slot machines could be approved at race tracks in Maryland.

News4 January 2- President Bush says that he will unveil a new stimulus package next week.

News4 January 2- Another Democrat is entering the race for the White House in 2004. North Carolina Senator John Edwards announced this morning that he will seek the Democratic nomination.

News4 January 3- Virginia Senator George Allen is getting dome face time in a civil war movie that opens up next month.

News4 January 3- The Capitol Hill newspaper reports that Trent Lott will likely get a key Chairmanship when the Senate returns to work next week.

News4 January 3- There are 45-thousand members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Pendleton in California. Some of those units have been deployed to the Gulf region.

News 4 January 8 – Authorities in Great Britain arrested suspect in terrorist poison plot

News 4 January 8 – U.S. efforts prepare for possibility of bio-warfare with Iraq

News 4 January 10 – US and countries around the world are condemning latest move by North Korea

Sunday, January 12, 2003. News4 Anchor Pat Lawson Muse, Jerry Phillips, Clear Channel Radio, Adrienne Washington, The Washington Times and Dave McConnell, WTOP-AM – House passes the DC budget for \$5.8 billion

News 4 January 13 – Mike Tyson's marriage to Monica Turner is officially over

News 4 January 13 – Senator Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut joining democrats to run for president in 2004

Ns 4 January 14 – Military hearing began for two National Guard pilots accused in friendly fire incident in Afghanistan

News 4 January 14 – thousands who work for general electric taking part in two day strike across the nation

News 4 January 14 – Bob Ehrlich becomes governor of Maryland

News 4 January 24 – Tom Ridge sworn in as secretary of the department of homeland security

News 4 January 24 – Bush administration says it is taking two steps to help low-income Americans reduce heating bills

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Sunday, January 26, 2003. News4 Anchor Susan Kidd, Jerry Phillips, Clear Channel Radio, Adrienne Washington, The Washington Times and Dave McConnell, WTOP-AM Mayor Anthony Williams wants to give back the campaign monies that might have been used for his re-election

News 4 January 28 – Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has been re-elected

News 4 January 30 – Death penalty being debated in Annapolis – governor Ehrlich wants to lift current moratorium on executions

Sunday, February 2, 2003. News4 Anchor Pat Lawson Muse, Jerry Phillips, Clear Channel Radio, Adrienne Washington, The Washington Times and Dave McConnell, WTOP-AM. DC Financial Officer Natwar M. Gandhi announced the city's sixth straight budget surplus this week but warned that tough fiscal times are ahead because the

economy and tax collection remain stagnant. Key pro gambling lawmakers said they doubted Maryland could legalize slot machines quickly enough to help erase the \$1.3billion gap in next year's state budget

News 4 February 5 – over 30 thousand U.S. troops in Kuwait

News 4 February 7 – President Bush keeping pressure on Saddam Hussein and members of U.N. security council

News 4 February 7 – Maryland lawmakers getting second look at bill that would make terrorism a crime

News 4 February 7 – Threat level raised from yellow to orange

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News 4 February 10 – Iraq said it would allow U-2 spy planes to fly over country to find out if Baghdad has weapons of mass destruction

News 4 February 10 – over two million Muslims performing annual ritual known as the Hajj in the holy city of Mecca

News 4 February 10 – Israeli astronaut who was killed on shuttle remembered in ceremony in Israel today

News 4 February 11 – Arab T.V. network Al Jazeera played audio tape from Bin Laden

News 4 February 11 – Concerns of possible Al Qaeda terrorist attack in Great Britain

News 4 February 12 – Congressional panel looking into Columbia disaster

News 4 February 12 – Top democratic leaders say Bush administration needs to do more to help ease people's fears

News 4 February 14 - France refused to support a UN resolution authorizing war

News 4 February 17 – European Union issued warning to Saddam Hussein—Iraq has one last chance to disarm peacefully

News 4 February 17 – Saddam Hussein met with his cabinet, discussed war

News 4 February 19 – Turkey wants 10 billion dollars in grants and 20 billion in loan guarantees from US

News 4 February 20 – Baghdad showing more signs of cooperation with U.N weapons inspectors

News 4 February 20 – Bush administration plans to return to UN next week

News 4 February 21 – DC delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton asking federal emergency management agency for help with snowstorm

News 4 February 24 – US, England and Spain declares that Saddam Hussein has failed to disarm

News 4 February 25 – over 6 thousand U.S. marines landed in Kuwait

News 4 February 27 – New signs that U.S. might be moving closer to war with Iraq

News 4 February 27 – Leaders of North Korea told the nation to be ready for war

#### Viewpoint

Sunday, March 2, 2003 Host: News 4 Anchor, Joe Krebs and Guest DC Delegate discuss her biography FIRE IN MY SOUL which recounts her life activism and service as ACLU Lawyer, Human Rights Commissioner and Congresswoman and Congress and service as D Eleanor Holmes Norton

News 4 March 4 – Lobby Day coverage

News 4 March 4 – there was a rally outside the French Embassy in NW expressing their opposition to the political ties France uses to oppose military action in Iraq

News 4 March 7 – Democrats in the MD Senate have delayed a vote on the woman Governor Ehrlich's appointed to head the State Environmental Department

News 4 March 10 – UN weapons inspectors are continuing to do their work in Iraq

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Sunday,March 16, 2003. News4 Anchor Pat Lawson Muse, Jerry Phillips, Clear Channel Radio, Adrienne Washington, The Washington Times and Dave McConnell, WTOP-AM discuss State Senator Leslie Burne's challenge to US Rep James P Moran Jr. for the 2004 Democratic nomination in Virginia's 8<sup>th</sup> District.

News 4 March 19 - US decision to go to war is being rebuked by some members of the UN security council

News 4 March 21 – DC Mayor Williams says he may sue the organizer of the DC Marathon for canceling this weekend's event

News 4 March 24 – President Bush is expected to ask Congress for about \$75 billion for war costs

News 4 March 24 – handful of American soldiers are prisoners of war after their convoy was ambushed

News 4 March 26 – VA Governor Mark Warner signed an anti-terrorism bill into law

### VII. TRANSPORTATION

WRC-TV regularly broadcasts news and other segments on transportation issues. Some examples are listed below.

News4 January 1- A father and son from Maryland were flying to the Peach Bowl in Atlanta when their small plane crashed yesterday.

News4 January 1- People using the nation's airports over the next few days are being warned to allow a little extra time for travel.

News4 January 2- America West Airlines will start something new on Monday. It's going to ask passengers if they'd like to by something to eat on the plane.

News4 January 2- More preparations are being made for a possible war with Iraq. The USNS comfort is scheduled to leave Baltimore Monday, and head to the Indian Ocean.

News4 January 2- A car fire slowed down the tail end of rush hour traffic this morning. It happened on the George Washington Parkway.

News4 January 2- Metro transit police are warning there will be a new crackdown on scoff- laws on the subway.

News4 January 2-600 members of the Virginia National Guard have been called to active duty.

News4 January 2- Incoming Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist is being called a hero tonight for coming to the aid of several car accident victims in Florida.

News4 January 2- Metro transit police are taking a tougher stand against riders who break the rules including the one that forbid eating or drinking on the trains and in the stations.

News4 January 3-Southwest Airlines will be the first at BWI to require a boarding pass to get thru security checkpoints.

News4 January 8, 10, 14 – coverage of commuter plane crash at the Charlotte, NC airport which killed 21 people

News4 January 10 – twelve Department of Motor Vehicle offices in Virginia will be closed until March

News4 January 13 - Charles County police are trying find out what caused a fatal head on collision between a minivan and a school bus this afternoon

News4 January 21 – because of a train derailment, there were massive delays for riders for most of the day

News4 January 24 – DC fire dept and emergency medical services dept got new heavy equipment – 6 new ambulances and 6 new pumper trucks

News4 January 28 – a coalition of groups in favor of a plan for an Inner Purple Line met today.

News4 February 3 – NASA conducted its latest briefing on the investigation into the cause of the Columbia disaster

News4 February 5 - 3 passengers were detained today at the BWI on reports that they were behaving suspiciously

News4 February 7 - work crews are having no problems dealing with last night's snowfall; roads will be cleaned tomorrow

News4 February 10 – the US military has called a reserve fleet of commercial aircraft and crew to move soldiers to a potential war zone

News4 February 12 – report on increased security at airports

News4 February 14 – Coast Guard is stepping up its efforts to protect the nation's capital

News4 February 17 – Metro was running on a limited schedule today

News4 February 17- storm has caused such mayhem at many airports

News4 February 19 – traffic jams all over due to huge piles of snow taking up lanes

News4 February 21 – Metro and traffic getting back to normal

News4 February 25 – first public hearing on proposed fare increase will be held tonight

News4 February 26 – we have set up a pothole patrol at our website

News4 March 3- in Massachussetts, a plane believed to be carrying 7 members of one family crashed in the Berkshire mountains

# Reporter's Notebook

Sunday,March 9, 2003. News4 Anchor Pat Lawson Muse, Jerry Phillips, Clear Channel Radio, Adrienne Washington, The Washington Times and Dave McConnell, WTOP-AM Virginia Gov Mark Warner ordered a two-week 24 hour "pothole blitz" telling his transportation department to work nonstop to temporarily patch hundreds of thousands of potholes in the state's roads.

News4 March 19- US Airways is helping travelers who may want to change their plans in the coming days/weeks due to war

News4 March 21 – federal investigators are looking into small plane crash in Leesburg that killed the pilot

News4 March 27- Georgetown sinkhole is expected to take days to repair

News4 March 28 – agreement has been reached between Amtrak and VA railway express to avoid speed limit fiasco

#### VIII EDUCATION

WRC-TV regularly broadcasts news and other segments about and pertaining to educational issues. Some examples are listed below.

News 4 January 3 – internet based system that keeps track of non-immigrant foreign students, professors and research scholars

News 4 January 6 – three inches of snow fall, not enough to close schools 3- There was a fatal accident on the Suitland Parkway this morning.

News 4 January 23 – Paleontologists in China have discovered fossils dating back 128 million years

## Reporter's Notebook

Sunday, January 26, 2003. News4 Anchor Susan Kidd, Jerry Phillips, Clear Channel Radio, Adrienne Wahsington, The Washington Times and Dave McConnell, WTOP-AM Maryland University raises tuition and job cutbacks, in relationship to other area institutions will this become a trend at other schools

News 4 February 5 – a group of students at NASA program learn the dream of being an astronaut can be achieved

News 4 February 7– a local student and teacher have been taking part in the Jason Project.

## Reporter's Notebook

Sunday, February 23, 2003. News4 Anchor Pat Lawson Muse, Jerry Phillips, Clear Channel Radio, Adrienne Washington, The Washington Times and Dave McConnell, WTOP-AM. Severe snow storm delays school openings because of street cleanups, public transit and unsafe walkways.

News4 March 4- Garber Center in Suitland, MD will be closing down

News4 March 7 – in December, the country will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of flight

## Reporter's Notebook

Sunday,March 9, 2003. News4 Anchor Pat Lawson Muse, Jerry Phillips, Clear Channel Radio, Adrienne Washington, The Washington Times and Dave McConnell, WTOP-AM The PG County school board has chosen educators from New York, Minnesota and South Dakota as finalists to succeed Iris Metts who will depart as schools chief in June.

News4 March 28- a week after banning field trips due to terror level, Fairfax County school officials are revising their policy